

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 9-16, 18-25, and 27-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 4-7, 9, 11, 13-16, 18, 20, 22-25, and 27-30 are amended. Claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 19 and 27 are cancelled. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the claims as originally filed. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant is not conceding in this application that any of the original claims are unpatentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

I. Examiner Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview held on October 5, 2007 between the Applicant's representatives and the Examiner. The Examiner and Applicant's representative agreed that amended claims 2-7 and 9, which are representative of claims 11-16, 18, 20-25, and 27-30, are allowable over the cited references. No other agreement was reached.

II. Rejections

The Examiner rejected the claims over the cited references in the manner described in the Office Action dated July 12, 2007. The Examiner agreed that the amendments presented herein overcome these rejections.

III. Conclusion

The subject application should now be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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